



Season Claims Unique Honors.

By MILDRED MARSHALL KOONCE.

SPECIAL interest attached to the festivities of last week which centered mainly round the President and Mrs. Wilson, both as guests and hosts. The diplomatic dinner at which they entertained so brilliantly last evening was an epoch in its way, representing as it did, the official solution of the complex diplomatic guest list which has sorely troubled Washington hostesses since the beginning of the war.

On Wednesday, another epoch-making event was added to the unique brilliance of the official season when the pan-American ball was tendered to the President and his bride by the representatives at Washington of the Latin-American republics. Never lovelier than on that distinguished occasion, the Pan-American Building was the scene of a state function which more nearly approached the court ceremonies of countries abroad than any previous reception or ball that has been given at the Capital.

The hosts, in the splendid uniforms of their rank with the bright ribbons of distinguished orders crossing their shoulders, were most picturesque, and among the ladies of the official party, who assisted so graciously in dispensing hospitality, were noticeable many superb jewels which have not before been displayed at the Capital. There were magnificent tiaras, jeweled corsage ornaments, and wonderful necklaces only less lovely than their wearers. Mme. Pezet, whose charm and distinction as a hostess of the corps is far-famed, was unable to be present owing to a stubborn attack of la grippe, but the Minister of Peru, Mr. Pezet, was a most genial host, contributing in no little degree to the immense success of the evening. Mr. John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American Union, is also a victim of la grippe after his arduous weeks devoted to the Scientific Congress and the tour of the delegates, and is forced to remain at Atlantic City for some time to recuperate.

Mrs. Lansing, wife of the Secretary of State, has recovered sufficiently from her siege of illness to resume her role of ranking Cabinet hostess and has an elaborate social program to follow in the next few weeks, when she will be both hostess and guest on innumerable occasions. After a period of mourning, the Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. McAdoo are taking an active part in society again, with Mrs. McAdoo looking more youthful and charming than ever.

Already there is talk of Lent—perhaps as a pleasant respite from the arduous season—but there are still two long and festive months before the days of sackcloth and penitence. Chief among the pre-Lenten functions of an unofficial nature is the Beaux Arts Carnival Ball for which invitations were issued several days ago. Quite as picturesque in title as the Soiree Artistique of last season, the entertainment follows much the same plan. The ball will open with general dancing in the large ball room at the Willard and a continuous cabaret and motion picture show will be given in the small ball room, which will be converted into one of the most famous of the "cave chantants" of Paris. It is expected that artists of international reputation will assist in the entertainment, and the evening will close with a carnival ball to rival in brilliancy the famous "Quatre Arts" ball of the Latin quarter.

Costumes for the carnival are the thought of the moment. The range of choice is great and no doubt some very lovely and wonderful effects will be gained by the ingenious and artistic. The Library of Congress is an interesting rendezvous at present, where members of the fashionable world find one another poring over huge volumes devoted to historical dress.

Miss Petty left yesterday for a ten days' visit in New York.

News of the Smart Folk.

Mrs. George Fort, wife of Lieut. Fort, U. S. N., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. McQuade, at their residence in S street.

Justice and Mrs. Thomas H. Anderson have closed their house in New Hampshire avenue and have taken Mr.

MISS MARY CLEAVES DANIELS, of North Carolina, charming niece of the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Daniels, who is their house guest, and is being extensively entertained during her visit.



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and Mrs. John Joy Edson's place, "Joy Farm," near Rockville, for the winter and early spring.

Mrs. Cornelius Johnson, of Florida avenue, has gone to New York where she is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Smith at the Hotel Flanders.

Miss Edith Temple Gracie, who has been the guest of Gen. and Mrs. de Lussan at Ardmore, near Philadelphia, went to New York yesterday to visit Miss Louise Peckham at 37 West Seventy-third street.

Mr. H. M. Smith is spending a few days in New York City and is stopping at the Wolcott Hotel.

Mrs. Rose Davis, of 1725 P street, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Harry Levinson, of Steubenville, Ohio. She is accompanied by her sister, Mrs. S. Kaplan, of St. Michaels, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. William Catto arrived here today, to be guests of the Speaker and Mrs. Champ Clark. Mr. Thompson will remain for a few days before returning to New Orleans and Mrs. Thompson for a little longer period.

Mr. and Mrs. William Catto entertained at a reception on Friday at the Hotel Logan when the members of the press were invited to meet Lord and Lady Aberdeen. Assisting in receiving were Mrs. Mary H. Taylor, Mrs. H. S. Peary, Mrs. de Morlaix, of Connecticut; Mrs. Samuel Graves, Miss Yea, of Vermont; Mrs. D. K. Symons, Mrs. Rawlins, of Texas; Mrs. E. A. Seabrook, and Miss Ava Seabrook, of Jacksonville, Fla.

Miss Claire Philom ne Sgueo, age 7, made her first public appearance as a pianist at the Raleigh last Wednesday evening before the League of American Pen Women, when her rendering of three selections from Kullak gave promise of future distinction.

Gen. Sherwood, of Ohio, was the guest of honor and the chief speaker of the evening. He gave an interesting account of the songs inspired by the civil war.

Clever and original plagiarisms were contributed by Miss Nellie Fealey, Miss Mary Carter and Mrs. Augustus Knight while two groups of songs sung by Mrs. Ella Melvin Herriman included some of her own musical compositions.

An interesting account of the League of American Pen Women Days, held at San Francisco and San Diego exhibitions, was given by the president, Mrs. Bertha Lincoln Huelski, who has recently returned from an extended trip to California.

Interesting Hospitalities.

The Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Lane were the guests of honor at a dinner given by Assistant Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Bo Sweeney at their residence in Columbia road. Their other guests were Senator and Mrs. Thomas, Senator and Mrs. Robinson, Representative and Mrs. Hagdale and the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Radcliffe.

Admiral and Mrs. Richardson Clover entertained at dinner Friday evening for their daughter, Miss Eudora Clover, when their guests included Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Hackett, Mr. and Mrs. John Davidge, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Glover, the Misses Mackay-Smith, Miss Gladys Hinkley, Miss Beatrice Clover, Mr. S. Constantind, of the Greek Legation; Lieut. Norman Van der Veer, U. S. N.; Mr. William Bell Watkins, Mrs. Charles Richardson and Mr. McNemar.

Mrs. Ashton G. Clapham was hostess at a pretty appointed luncheon Friday, when her guests included Mrs. Hampson Gary, Mrs. Cone Johnson, Mrs. George Y. Wheeler, Mrs. William A. Hill, Mrs. Hampson, Mrs. Wasonhurst and Mrs. Koehler.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harlow entertained at dinner Friday in honor of Gen. and Mrs. William H. Carter.

Mrs. Frederic D. McKenney gave a luncheon party Friday in honor of Mrs. Jerome Riche, of Denver, Colo. In addition to Mrs. Riche, the guests were Mrs. Shafroth, Mrs. Perry Heath, Mrs. George W. Fairchild, Mrs. Fred Britten, Mrs. Yanes, Miss Flora Wilson, Mrs. Thomas H. Anderson, Mrs. John Dixon, Mrs. Van Arsdale, Mrs. Eza Koon, Mrs. J. Harry Covington and Mrs. Radolph.

Mrs. Armstead Davis and her brother,

Mr. Henry Howell Armstead, who is spending part of the season here, were hosts Wednesday evening at one of the smartest dances of the winter, entertaining about 300 guests at the Playhouse. There were a number of out-of-town guests, and many interesting dinner parties preceded the dance. The Playhouse was charmingly decorated, spruce trees and hanging vines giving a woodland effect to the assembly room. Tall vases filled with American Beauty roses adorned the drawing-room, where Mrs. Davis and Mr. Armstead, assisted by Mrs. Arthur Lee, received the guests, who began to arrive about 10 o'clock. A buffet supper was served at midnight, and an early breakfast in the morning as the dance broke up.

The guests were the Brazilian Ambassador and Mme. da Gama, the Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. McAdoo, the Swedish Minister and Mme. Ekengren, the Minister of Peru and Mme. de Pezet, the Assistant Secretary of War and Mrs. Breckinridge, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt, the Assistant Attorney General and Mrs. Charles Warren, Miss Margaret Wilson, Col. and Mrs. Raybaud, Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins, the Misses Patton, Mr. and Mrs. H. Campbell Graef, Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Earle, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen C. Millett, Mr. Monson Morris, all of New York; Miss Frances Sullivan, of Philadelphia; Mrs. George A. Pope, of San Francisco; Mr. and Mrs. Edson Bradley, Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Belmont, Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Bell, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Blue, Pay Inspector and Mrs. Bonaffon, Capt. and Mrs. Roscoe Bulmer, Dr. and Mrs. Greenidge Bayne, Capt. and Mrs. Baldwin, Capt. and Mrs. Mark Bristol, Mrs. Lloyd Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin P. Baugh, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Cushman, Mr. and Mrs. Allerton Cushman, Mr. and Mrs. George Howland Whist, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mandeville Carlsle, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Clover, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar T. Crosby, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hollister Chapman, Mrs. Richard Crane, Brig. Gen. Enoch Crowder, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Dwight, Mr. and Mrs. George Peabody Eustis, Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Elkins, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fairbanks, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Flood, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Glover, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harlow, Mr. and Mrs. Randall Hagner, Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Hackett, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Hennick, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hubert Johnson, Mr. Francis B. Loomis, Dr. and Mrs. Louis Lehr, Mr. and Mrs. Littauer, Senator and Mrs. Hamilton Lewis, Mrs. Hare Lippincott, Mr. and Mrs. Garrison McClintock, Col. and Mrs. Charles McCawley, Mr. Sherman McCallum, Mr. and Mrs. Upshur Moorehead, Mr. and Mrs. Ormsby McCammon, Mr. and Mrs. Newbold Noyes, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Garrison, Mr. and Mrs. Phelan, Mr. and Mrs. John Jacob Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roosevelt, Mr. and Mrs. William Ritter, Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Samuel Reber, Mr. and Mrs. William Harret Ridgely, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bell Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. Corcoran Thorn, Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Tuckerman, Mr. and Mrs. Alexandre Vouras, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Westcott, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Wyeth, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Wagsman, Col. and Mrs. Margaret Breckinridge, Miss Sally Beecher, Miss Edith Blair, Miss Beatrice Clover, Miss Eudora Clover, Miss Juliette Crosby, Miss Margaret Draper, Miss Virginia Gilmore, Miss Gladys Hinkley, Miss Elizabeth Harang, Miss Frances Hoar, Miss Jean Elkins, Miss John Johnston, Miss Camilla Lippincott, Miss Catherine McClintock, Miss Virginia Mackay-Smith, Miss Nona McAdoo, Miss Teresa de Pezet, Miss Manuella de Pena, the Misses Raybaud, Miss Harriet Southard, Miss Margaret Symons, Miss Gladys Sullivan, Miss Margaret Treat, Miss Katherine Treat, Count d'Adhemar, Mr. Carlos Acuna, Mr. Montgomery Argell, Count Bonde, Commander Bassett, Mr. William T. Bingham, Surgeon General Rupert Blue, Lieut. Bastard, Commander H. V. Butler, Mr. Frederic Cauldwell, Dr. Cofer, Mr. Constantind, Mr. Arthur B. Campbell, Mr. Henry F. du Pont, Lieut. Davidson, Mr. Franklin Ellis, Mr. Oliver B. Hartman, Mr. Fred-eric Huidekoper, Mr. Carl Hubacher, Mr. Leland Harrison, Capt. Holcombe, Mr. William Johannesen, Mr. Barnes MacVeagh, Mr. Basil Miles, Capt. Ridley McLean, Mr. George Marvin, Maj. Thomas Paxton, Mr. Hugh de Pena, Mr. Charles Richardson, Mr. Racedo, Mr. Robert Stead, Lieut. Commander Steele, Mr. J. Butler Wright, Capt. Williams, Col. Wilder and Capt. Wigram.

His eminence, Cardinal Gibbons, was the guest of honor at a dinner given Wednesday evening by Mrs. William F.

Draper, in accordance with her annual custom, at her residence, on K street. American and papal flags were in evidence in the various rooms, and all vases filled with American Beauty roses made an effective decoration.

The guests present included the Brazilian Ambassador and Mme. da Gama, Mr. Justice McKenna, Mr. Russell, pastor of St. Patrick's Church; the Belgian minister of finance, Mr. van de Wyver; Senator Henry du Pont, Mr. Franklin MacVeagh, Mr. Carter de Marchienne, Belgian minister to China; Mrs. Marcus Hanna, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Henry Corbin, Admiral and Mrs. Richardson Clover, Mrs. Marshall Field, Admiral O'Neil, Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Hennen Jennings, Dr. and Mrs. James F. Mitchell, Miss Mary Patten, Miss Helen Patten, Miss Phelps, Miss Margaret Draper and Mr. Leland Harrison.

Commander and Mrs. Edward C. Kalb- us entertained at dinner Friday evening in honor of their house guest, Mrs. Julian Collins, of New York.

Mrs. Gelm, wife of Commander George E. Gelm, U. S. N., was hostess at a pretty appointed luncheon Friday at the Army and Navy Club. The guests included Mrs. William S. Benson, Mrs. Frank F. Fletcher, Mrs. Thomas B. Howard, Mrs. John A. Lejeune, Mrs. James H. Glennon, Mrs. Frederic Delano, Mrs. Dion Williams, Mrs. William F. Malburn, Mrs. Henry B. Wilson, Mrs. Henry A. Wiley, Mrs. Richard H. Leigh, Mrs. William P. Robert, Mrs. J. E. Johnson, Mrs. E. H. Cooke, Mrs. Frank L. Plend- well and Mrs. Charles D. Hazen.

Representative and Mrs. Willard Rags- dale entertained at dinner Thursday evening, when their guests were Admiral and Mrs. Nicholson, Col. and Mrs. Harry Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Cone Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Cain, of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Nichols, Miss Rags- dale, Miss Jane Gregory, Miss Keasby, Representative Harrison, Mr. W. P. G. Harding and Senator-elect Kenneth D. McKellar, of Tennessee.

Miss Elizabeth Gibson was hostess at a pretty appointed luncheon Wednesday in compliment to her house guest, Miss Caroline Strong, of St. George's Manor, Long Island. Those asked to meet Miss Strong were Miss Dorothy Mason and her house guest, Miss Bisham, of Philadelphia; Miss Ellie Lejeune, Miss Dorothy Wyeth, Miss Katherine Goodwin and Miss Hartley.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harlow entertained at dinner Wednesday in honor of the Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Lane.

Miss Ruth Parker was hostess at a buffet supper Friday evening at her residence in Vermont avenue, the party later attending the Friday evening dance.

Capt. and Mrs. Mark Bristol entertained at dinner Wednesday in compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Campbell Graef. Their guests were Representative and Mrs. J. J. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lee, Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Ma-

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gruder, Mrs. Lloyd W. Bowers, Mrs. Hunt Thompson, Mr. Munson Morris, of New York, and Capt. Francis Parker.

Dinner hosts of Thursday evening at the Army and Navy Club included Admiral and Mrs. William S. Benson, who entertained Capt. and Mrs. Volney O. Chase, Dr. and Mrs. Francis S. Nash, Dr.

and Mrs. Robert Ransdell, Mrs. H. V. Butler, Mrs. Augustus Macomb, Mrs. G. H. Bull, of New York; Commander Wilson Brown, Commander H. V. Butler and Lieut. Leigh Noyes. Capt. William C. Harlee, U. S. M. C., and Mrs. Harlee invited a company to

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